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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF U.S. TEAM TO DISCUSS COUNTERINSURGENCY
EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

REF: STATE 162962

1. I CONVEYED BY LETTER ON JULY 12 NAMES OF TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR ITINERARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARTNAM. RAJARATNAM HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED ME THAT TIMING OF TEAM'S VISIT TO SINGAPORE IS ACCEPTABLE AND HAS ASKED ME TO DISCUSS DETAILS WITH S.R. NATHAN DIRECTOR, SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, MINDEF.

2. DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT GOS MAY WELL USE PRESENCE OF TEAM TO RAISE OTHER IMPORTANT POL/MIL MATTERS. THEREFORE, TEAM SHOULD BE BRIEFED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE ON FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

(A) GOS INTEREST IN USG APPROVING QUICKLY SALE OF M-16 RIFLES TO THAILAND.

(B) GOS INTEREST IN PURCHASING THREE USED C-130 AIRCRAFT.

(C) GOS INTEREST IN STATIONING A-4 SQUADRON AT U.S. BASE AT CUBI POINT IN PHILIPPINES FOR ADVANCED GUNNERY TRAINING.

(D) GOS REQUEST FOR USAF PERSONNEL TO PERFORM COMMAND AND STAFF FUNCTIONS IN THE SINGAPORE AIR FORCE

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3. GOS IS UNLIKELY TO RAISE QUESTION OF FUTURE ACCESS BY SEVENTH FLEET UNITS TO NAVAL BASIN AND FUEL DEPOT, AND USE OF NAVAL BASIN BY NPWS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THESE MATTERS WITH ADMIRAL CROWE.

4. REQUEST DEPARTMENT REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR.
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